

The SWORD of the LORD

Edited by JOHN R. RICE.

"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

Office of Publication: 129-131 West 6th Street, Newton, Kansas, Send all Mail to Editorial and Executive Office: 145 North Hale Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

An independent Religious Weekly, Standing for the Verbal Inspiration of the Bible, the Deity of Christ, His Blood Atonement, Salvation by Faith, New Testament Soul Winning and the Premillennial Return of Christ. Opposes Modernism, Worldliness, and Formalism

VOLUME XI NO. 1

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1944

\$1.00 PER YEAR

DEATH in the POT

An appraisal of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America
By REV. J. ELWIN WRIGHT, L. L. D.

(Dr. Wright is Executive Secretary of the National Association of Evangelicals)

IS THE FEDERAL COUNCIL DOCTRINALLY EVANGELICAL?

"And Elisha came again to Gilgal: and there was a dearth in the land; and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him: and he said unto his servant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets. And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full, and came and shred them into the pot of pottage: for they knew them not.

"So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O thou man of God, there is death in the pot. And they could not eat thereof." —II Kings 4:38-40.

The Background of the Federal Council

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America was formed in 1908. It now has a constituency of twenty-four denominations, the combined membership of which is about twenty-six millions.

Although the Federal Council does represent a great constituency of church members, the number of those who consciously accept its infidelity to the cardinal doctrines of the Church or its radical social and political program is very much smaller than the above figures would indicate. It has a perfect right to exist and represent its real constituency, pursuing its objectives without hindrance, in so far as these objectives do not restrict the liberties and privileges of others, but should not be permitted, without challenge, to speak for millions who are utterly opposed to much in its program and pronouncements. The Federal Council does not represent the evangelicals of America and could not represent them unless a revolutionary change in its setup should occur. That is not likely to happen. Its present character is too well established to



Dr. J. Elwin Wright.

admit changes which would make it acceptable to those of evangelical faith.

Many commendatory things could be said about the Council with reference to its interest in

(Continued on Page Five)

PETER AND JESUS

By Evangelist John R. Rice

(Sermon Preached Sunday Morning, June 14, 1936 at Galilean Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. Stenographically Reported.)

Luke 22:31-34

"And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison and to death. And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me."

Luke 22:54-62

"Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off. And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them. But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him and said, This man was also with him. And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not. After a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not. And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him: for he is a Galilaean. And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew."

And there Matthew adds the words that he cursed and swore and said, "I know not the man."

"And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crew, thou shalt deny me thrice. And Peter went out, and wept bitterly."

I plan today to show you today just two people. They are Peter, the backslidden, failing Christian; and Jesus, the only kind of a Savior who would do for all of us, frail, imperfect and sinful as we are, even after we have been saved. Here are lessons, warnings, comfort and restoration for all God's children.

I. PETER THE SINFUL, FAILING, UNWORTHY CHRISTIAN.

First I want to bring lessons and warnings from the sins of this preacher, this apostle, this well taught disciple of our Lord.

1. If Peter So Sinned, Every Christian Should Beware!

There are those who make the mistake of saying that Christians never sin. There are those who say that Christ saves us from sin and that therefore if we are really children of God, we will never do anything very bad. There are those who say that if one is born again he will never do anything very bad. There are those who say that if one is born again he will never curse or get drunk or commit adultery. They are wrong, utterly wrong. Simon Peter was a truly converted man, born again, and yet here he even denied that he knew Jesus; and the Scripture says that he cursed and swore. He was guilty of cowardice, of lying; he was unfaithful, disloyal; guilty of outright cursing and blasphemy. Peter was guilty of as bad a sin as a Christian could be, I suppose. It was a terrible sin.

You will not gain anything for Christ and Christianity if you always take up for Christians and claim that they do no wrong. Many people are truly born again, and yet they do very wicked things. I am sorry that they do, but they do. You will give more glory to Christ if you admit it. It is true that the blood of Christ is enough, not only to save a man, but also enough to help him to live a victorious Christian life. But it doesn't do a new

convert any good to tell him he is out of temptation and will never have any more trouble from the Devil. Old Peter had plenty of trouble from the devil after he was saved, after he was born again.

It is a bad thing that this world is against Jesus Christ. That is terrible. Oh, it is bad for sinners to turn down the Saviour and to drive away the Holy Spirit and to grieve Him and to refuse to hear the gos-

pel. But remember, it must be worse in the sight of God, and the results are infinitely worse on society as a whole, that children of God are unfaithful. Of the ten virgins, five were wise (they were saved) and five foolish (unsaved people); and yet, they all slumbered and slept. But I am sure the Bridegroom was more concerned and more embarrassed about the wise who had the oil and yet went to sleep with the unsaved. It is powerless Christians, not wicked unbelievers alone, who curse a country and block revivals.

Oh, Peter did wrong. But I want to discuss the case of Peter and help you if I can. Here Peter committed terrible sin. If Peter did, you may, too. You are no wiser, and no better Christian, you do not pray any more, you do not read the Bible any more and you do not love Christ any better than Simon Peter

(Continued on Page Six)

REVIVAL INCIDENTS, OUTLINES and ILLUSTRATIONS

Evangelist ROBERT J. WELLS, Associate Editor



A Revival That Started A Revival and Built a New Church

"I thought I was in Heaven." So said a fine Christian man as he told me of his visit to a tent meeting several years ago conducted by Evangelist John R. Rice in Waterloo, Iowa.

Continuing, he said: "I was in a backslidden condition, a member of a cold, lifeless church and I was looking for something real. I heard about the tent meetings and drove ninety miles to attend the services. As I walked into the tent, the great crowd was singing and the instruments were playing an old Gospel hymn, and it was wonderful! I thought I was in Heaven! I attended the meetings as often as I could and it was through them that my faith was strengthened and my heart revived. Besides this, one of my daughters was saved."

"After the Waterloo revival was ended, I had a deep desire to see a revival come to my own city and so I began to pray that God would send us some man like Dr. Rice and permit us to have the blessings

of such a meeting. For two years I prayed and then the answer came. The Lord gave us even more than we had asked of Him and sent Dr. Rice himself and we had profitable meetings and a blessed time."

That isn't all of the story. As the direct outcome of those meetings, given in answer to two years of prayer, there is now a thriving, Bible-teaching, soul-winning church in that city. It was our privilege to preach in that church last month and we were rejoicing in the salvation of three souls who had just accepted Christ (one of them being this man's daughter) when this Christian father was telling us this story. Here is concrete evidence of the blessed influence of revivals and the power of believing prayer.

The Price of Making a Mock of Sin

A mother, who was in attendance upon revival meetings, became very angry when someone asked

(Continued on Page Seven)

15 CHRISTMAS GIFTS, \$10

VALUE \$25: 10 SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR "THE SWORD OF THE LORD", 5 COPIES NEW, LARGE, BEAUTIFULLY BOUND BOOKS FOR CHRISTIANS, "THE RUIN OF A CHRISIATN" BY DR. JOHN R. RICE, ALL FOR \$10.

Christmas gifts for overseas service men and women should be mailed by October 15. All should plan soon for Christmas presents for others. More than ever our gifts these terrible war days should be Christian gifts. Peoples' hearts are serious. They realize their need for help.

Just now we have on a great tenth anniversary expansion program for *The Sword of the Lord*.

The size of the paper is doubled, as you see, with better type, new features. To get 10,000 new subscriptions we offer a remarkable premium, the new cloth bound book, *THE RUIN OF A CHRISIATN*, with artistic pictured, two color packet, with each two yearly subscriptions at \$1 each. We are asking for 1,000 'partners' who will send at least ten subscriptions un-

(Continued on Page Four)

One A Day

31 Conversions In August Through Sword Literature

By Viola Walden, Office Manager

During the month of August, there were reported to our office thirty-one souls saved through The Sword of the Lord literature. 25 of these were through the booklet, *What Must I do to be Saved*, one from a sermon in the Sword, *The Backslider*, and one from another sermon by Dr. Rice in the Sword, *A Good Man Lost and a Bad Man Saved*. Two sent decision slips from the booklet, *Religious But Lost* and one decision slip came from the booklet on *Heaven*. One was reported saved as by another person who did not indicate which booklet led to the decision. Each of these persons has received a personal letter from Dr. Rice, and additional literature. Of course we feel, with the thousands of booklets which go out each week, that many more should have been saved, but we know that some trusted Christ who did not write us.

It has been interesting to see that many of the letters were from men in our armed forces. We quote here, for your enjoyment, some of the letters, which were received in August.

A SOLDIER WRITES

"Dear Brother Rice:

"I will drop you a few lines today which is Sunday. I have been reading my Bible and this little book which I got at church a few Sundays ago. You know, Brother Rice, that was real stuff. You make it so plain. I am trusting in the Lord from now on to save me from the sins of this world and hoping for a better home. Brother Rice, pray for us all, and me and my wife that she may come to the Lord. Brother Rice, I am sending the back of this book, so you can know that I am trusting in the Lord."

(Signed) Willard

A CHAPLAIN WRITES

"Thanks for the tracts, *What Must I do to be Saved*. I read them with men in the guard house. Nine have been brought to confess their faith."

A SOLDIER IN THE ARMY AIR FORCE WRITES

"Dear Brother Rice:

"I just got through reading your wonderful pamphlet on *What Must I do to be Saved*. I enjoyed it very much and as you noticed, I accept Christ as my personal Saviour."

"I have belonged to a Reformed Church all my life, which is twenty years, but wasn't true to my faith. I knew some day I would really get to know the Lord Jesus Christ and finally accept Him, which I have done."

"My thanks for writing such a wonderful pamphlet as it will really help those who do not know Christ. I found out a lot of things I didn't know from it."

(Signed) Bob

THE SWORD OF THE LORD

Entered as second-class matter, Sept. 22, 1944, at the post office at Newton, Kansas, under the Act of March 3, 1897.

EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER
Evangelist Robert J. Wells
Associate Editor

Published weekly at Newton, Kansas Editorial and Executive Office: 145 North Hale Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

Subscription Price: \$100 a year, Canada and Foreign Countries: \$1.50 a year.

A PASTOR IN OKLAHOMA WRITES

"Somehow a copy of *What Must I do to be Saved* fell in my hands. I gave it to a man whom his family had tried to reach for Christ for some fifteen years and had failed. He is stricken with the disease of high blood pressure and it is in its final stage. He does not have long to live according to medical science. He read this little booklet and gave his heart to the Lord."

"Thank God for literature of this kind that can reach to the depths of a man's life and save to the uttermost. God bless you and your work."

(Signed) C. D. Baggett, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Thomas, Oklahoma

"I AM OR I WAS A SINNER, BUT NO MORE"

Mrs. G. B. of Sherwood, Oregon, read the booklet, *Religious but Lost* and wrote:

"Dear Rev. Rice:

"I read your booklet tonight and I really received a great benefit from it. For a long time I have been in a quandary as to what constituted being saved and assured of an everlasting life. It isn't to try to live as some one else says—or following this or that doctrine. It is simply and only believe in Jesus Christ. He died to save us all and whosoever believeth in Him, He will in no wise cast out, and I believe it and I thank God for it. I am or I was a sinner. But no more."

(Signed) Mrs. G. B.

She sent her signed decision, saying that she was trusting Christ for salvation.

A YOUNG MOTHER WRITES

"I am a young mother. I have two children and I know I can bring them up in this world right now because I am saved and I know Jesus will help me. If you get this, write me and tell me if I should be baptized soon."

(Signed) Mrs. C. B. Henshaw, Ky.

This mother read the booklet, *What Must I do to be Saved*.

TWO BOYS COLLECTING SCRAP NEWSPAPERS SAVED

Mrs. R. R. from Huntington, West Virginia, writes:

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"A few months ago two boys stopped at our house for scrap newspapers. I gave each of them your booklet on *What Must I do to be Saved*, which they promised to read, but before leaving, each said they would accept Christ as Saviour and signed the book and a slip, which I am enclosing. I did not mail them sooner, as I thought they might sign the book I gave them and mail to you, but in case they did not, here are the ones they signed here . . ."

All these were saved through Dr. John R. Rice's booklet, which we offer free.

Space does not permit our quoting all the good letters, but we have given you enough to show you the good this literature is doing.

We suggest that when you are getting your Christmas box ready, that you enclose one of the booklets on *What Must I do to be Saved*. If your son or husband is already saved, then perhaps he would pass his copy on to some one he knows that is not a Christian. Write us and tell us how you wish

to use the booklet, and we will mail you enough for your needs. And if you have loved ones here in the home land unsaved, get a copy for them, too. They cost us approximately 1c each to pack, ship and mail.

School teachers, teachers of Child Evangelism classes, jail workers, rescue missions, Sunday schools, chaplains, soldiers, prisoners all are invited to write for copies of the booklet, *What Must I do to be Saved*? a twenty-four page sermon by Dr. Rice, beautifully printed. If you will give them only to those who promise to read them, we will send them free. One million copies are now on the press. A half million of them will be delivered about October 1, and the other half million in December. We were fortunate to get good pre-war paper, and the booklet is being printed in brown ink. The total cost of these million copies will be \$5,800. So you can see we have a heavy burden and we trust our readers will join in prayer about this large bill.

AUGUST GIFTS ON SWORD LITERATURE

Some help regularly on the distribution of this literature. The names of givers to this cause during August are attached to this article.

Mr. & Mrs. Einer Christensen, Wisconsin	5.00
Miss Zelma Bauman, New York	2.00
Sgt. M. L. Hughes, Wisc.	5.00
Miss Sarah DeForest, Mo.	3.00
Mrs. Carrier, Indiana	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. G. H. Bratton, Colorado	2.00
A friend, West Va.	1.00
Mrs. Opal Sibert, Ill.	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. P. Lohrenz, Kansas	10.00
Rev. Robert E. Wearly, Ohio	3.00
Mrs. C. N. Long, Illinois	3.00
Mrs. Sidney Todd, Nebr.	1.00
Mr. Marvin Bauguess, North Carolina	1.00
Mrs. Ralph Burton, Tex.	1.00
Miss Jennie Gurnee, Pa.	14.00
Mr. Ed Roth, Nebr.	.60
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Lindaman, Iowa	2.00
Mrs. I. J. McKinney, Ga.	.50
Miss Clara Mae Elliott, Wisconsin	1.00
Mr. Raymond H. Shott, Pennsylvania	5.00
Mrs. H. F. Weaver, Okla.	.75
Miss Lucie Quaid, Tex.	1.00
Mr. L. T. Ivey, Florida	1.00
Mr. Wm. H. Walter, Mo.	25.05
Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Evans, Florida	5.00
Mrs. Lyrus Brown, Calif.	3.00
Mrs. Olive E. Pillsbury, Ill.	25.00
Miss Rebecca Hasselgren, Kansas	1.00
Mrs. Homer L. Reeves, Pa.	2.00
Mrs. Carl Lee, Okla.	2.00
Miss Cyntha Shirley, Arkansas	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Huisman, Iowa	5.00
Miss Virginia Owens, Ill.	2.00
Mrs. A. W. French, Ill.	1.00
Mrs. S. E. Hurbregtse, Wisconsin	1.00
A Christian friend, Mich.	15.00
Mrs. Fred Renn, Indiana	5.00
Mrs. Ole Bergeland, Wisc.	1.00
Mr. J. A. Spangler, Iowa	2.00
Mrs. Arnold Frey, Iowa	2.25
Miss Elma Arnall, Mo.	1.00
Mrs. Dagny Carlson, Ill.	.50
Mrs. J. G. Conant, Mo.	7.00
Mr. R. L. Mayo, Tex.	20.90
Mr. & Mrs. Arend Greenfield, Iowa	9.00
A friend, Kansas	4.00
Mr. Hershel Birkes, Mo.	4.00
Mrs. Hattie Doggett, Kan.	2.00
Mrs. Roger Bayer, Washington	1.00
Cpl. Harold E. Burns, Washington	3.50
Mrs. Edward Cordett, Ill.	1.00
Dalbert L. Hoen RM 3/c, California	15.00
Cashmere Prayer Group, Washington	5.00

A friend, Tennessee	5.00
Mrs. Ralph Hinkle, Mich.	1.00
Mr. C. E. Von Boven, Wisconsin	4.00
Mrs. Opal Sibert, Ill.	1.00
Mrs. Jennie Moore, Colo.	.50
Miss Bertha Johnson, Ill.	1.00
H. J. Allum RM 2/c, New York	1.90
Mr. & Mrs. H. S. Huddleston, Va.	3.00
Cpl. Carl M. Goltz, N. Y.	7.00
Mr. J. M. Muller, Tenn.	1.00
Mr. Wallace Memmer, North Carolina	4.00
A friend, Michigan	3.00
Mrs. A. D. Williamson, Kansas	1.00
Mrs. H. G. Geiger, Iowa	1.00
Mr. Leon F. Wheeler, California	5.00
Mrs. Hilda Janovich, Pa.	1.50
Mr. D. P. Muxlow, Mo.	.50
Miss Carolyn Peebles, Georgia	.40
Mrs. W. H. Ballinger, Kansas	1.00
Sgt. & Mrs. Harold Klenderman, Tenn.	4.00
A Christian friend, Mich.	5.00
Mrs. W. O. Walker, Kan.	.50
Mrs. Leonard Stirn, Kan.	1.00
Mrs. M. Sibert, Ill.	1.00
Mrs. Arthur Saltee, Tex.	2.00
Mrs. W. F. Zander, California	1.00
Miss Ruth Hanson, Tex.	5.00
Mrs. Ray Wright, Ill.	1.00
Mr. R. E. Terhune, N. J.	2.75
Miss Gertrude Slusser, Indiana	1.00
Mrs. N. A. Hensley, North Carolina	.50
A friend, Mich.	5.00
Dr. C. N. Trompen, Colo.	.50
Mrs. John Rochelle & Mary Jane, Tex.	2.00
Mrs. Frank Gardner, Oklahoma	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Newman, Oklahoma	10.00
Mr. Chas. E. Garman, Indiana	5.00
Mrs. Belva M. Cox, Kansas	1.00
Mr. John Wickersham, Pennsylvania	1.00
Mrs. Edna Wolcott, Nebr.	1.00
Mr. W. L. Hefner, N. C.	13.25
Mrs. N. A. Allen, Mich.	1.00
Mr. Frank S. Leas, Ohio	1.00
Mrs. Ida Shaffer, Pa.	1.00
Mrs. Fred Robey, Ind.	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Stewart, Illinois	4.00
Mrs. Lena V. Abrams, Canada	3.00
Miss Doris Adair, Oklahoma	1.00
Mr. J. J. Unruh, Okla.	3.00
Mrs. Opal Sibert, Ill.	1.00

T/4 P. B. Cole, N. Y.	8.00
Mrs. E. A. Powell, Ill.	7.50
Mrs. Karl Wortham, Ill.	.50
Friendship Baptist Ch. Texas	1.00
Mr. Mrs. Paul Peterson Wisconsin	2.00
Mrs. Leola Hilliard Texas	.25
Mrs. H. E. Bateman, Illinois	1.00
Mr. C. Clott, N. Y.	4.00
A/C Melvin A. Lilbarry, Texas	1.00
Mrs. C. A. Anderson, Nebraska	5.00
Mr. Gerhard F. Epp, Nebraska	.60
Mrs. B. W. Conyers, Ks.	2.15
Mrs. Cecil Newbill, Texas	2.00
Miss Elsie Wheeler, Washington	8.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Harris, New Jersey	20.00
Mrs. Belle Reasoner, Nebraska	1.00
Miss Virgie Cooper, Ky.	1.00
Miss Fern Denmon, Ark.	2.00
Mr. Albert O. Olson, Illinois	5.50
Bill Richards BM 2/c, California	46.00
Mrs. Anna Sherman, Minnesota	1.50
Cpl. Steve Latta, Calif.	.55
Mrs. Dwayne Roger, Indiana	2.00
Mr. Clarence Jury, Ill.	3.50
Mrs. Arthur Saltee, Tex.	3.50
Dr. Lyman A. Barber, Texas	8.00
Major R. C. Ryan, Arizona	200.00
Mrs. Ella Monghimer, South Dakota	1.40
Mr. E. C. Sellington, Mo.	.75
Mrs. Wm. Gressly, Mo.	.70
Total	\$722.95

WHERE WILL YOU SPEND ETERNITY?

Notice to Soul Winners: I will send you FREE as many of the above named two-page, to-the-point gospel tract as you can prayerfully use. I want the co-operation of Christians interested in reaching the lost with the gospel.

M. H. DUNCAN,
Route 5, Lubbock, Texas

500 TRACTS A YEAR

Any Christian applying to the Scripture Witness League for membership who promises to prayerfully distribute no less than 500 tracts a year will receive the same postpaid Free. The membership dues is \$1.00 a year. Send for free samples and also a new VICTORY tract for service men.

SCRIPTURE WITNESS LEAGUE
2011 Wellington Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Christian Books In The SPANISH LANGUAGE

OUR LORD AND OURS, by P. E. Burroughs. A spiritual, revival meeting presentation of stewardship and giving. Paper 45c

DIFFICULTIES IN THE BIBLE, By R. A. Torrey. Answering objections to the Bible, and explaining problems of Bible students 45c

GROWING A CHURCH, By P. E. Burroughs. A Southern Baptist study course book. A very helpful discussion of how churches grow, and how to make them grow 45c

THREE HOUR SERMON, By Paul Kanamori. Presenting all the Gospel in one sermon, with the divisions: God, Sin, Salvation. Very fine 25c

IS THERE A GOD? By L. O. Engelmann. Presenting arguments for the belief in God, taken from nature. Has led many to trust Christ. 15c

TEN CENT SERIES:

TREASURES OF LOVE, By C. B. Tooms.
SECOND COMING OF CHRIST IN DANIEL, By John R. Rice.
INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE, By C. L. Neal
RIGHTS OF CHILDREN, C. B. Tooms.
SEX PROBLEM SETTLED BY THE BIBLE, By C. B. Tooms.

CHRISTIAN WORKERS MANUAL, by C. L. Neal. Cloth 50c

THE WAY OF GOD, by D. L. Moody. Excellent. Paper 20c

ALL OF GRACE, by C. H. Spurgeon 20c

HONORING THE DEACONSHIP, by P. E. Burroughs. A Southern Baptist study course book 45c

Contacts with other publishing houses allow us to offer a wide list of good, fundamentally sound, Christian books in Spanish. We invite you to write us your needs.

A discount of 10% on cash orders of \$2.00 and over.

Order From L. O. ENGELMANN

3840 Pennsylvania Avenue, Indiana Harbor, Ind.

Join Sword Prayer Band

Editor Will Write Each Month
Those Who Agree to Half-Hour
Daily In Prayer, To Include
THE SWORD OF THE LORD
And Editor's Revivals
By Evangelist John R. Rice

Paul had a partnership with the church at Ephesus. The Christians there were to pray for him always, with prayer and supplication and perseverance; and in response Paul sent to them Tychicus to tell them about Paul's work. This is discussed in Ephesians 6:18-22. The Ephesians were taught that they should be "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints; and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things; whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts" (Eph. 6:18-22).

AND FOR ME! Paul needed prayer for himself. And Christians blessed through Paul's ministry needed to hear about Paul's work.

I have decided to ask readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD who are specially concerned about revival work to take upon them a regular burden of prayer for THE SWORD OF THE LORD and for my own revival campaigns. And to all who promise to meet the conditions I specify, I will write a letter monthly, telling about the things that especially need prayer in my ministry and in connection with THE SWORD OF THE LORD. I will tell where I will be in revival campaigns, and usually it will be in great city-wide evangelistic campaigns from one end of America to the other. I will tell about the blessed results, will tell of the special needs.

The work of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, and my revival campaigns have reached such an importance that I believe we are justified in asking thousands of Christians to join in daily prayer for them. The burden on me is getting to be almost more than I can carry. The mail is enormous, and I have sometimes been two and even three months behind in answering some letters that had to have my personal attention, it seemed. The multitude of duties devolving upon me as an evangelist and at the same time as an editor, and at the same time as an author, added to the very, very heavy duties connected with promoting revival work everywhere, answering Bible questions, giving spiritual counsel to ministers, answering young people's problems, helping churches get pastors, promoting evangelism in general—these duties are so heavy that I am almost overwhelmed, and I MUST HAVE HELP! I mean I must have help from God and I must have help from Christians who will hold me up before God and plead for me that I may have the wisdom and power of the Holy Spirit and the strength necessary to do the work that God has laid upon me. Oh, dear friends, if Paul needed someone to pray for him, I need many to pray for me also!

Right now we are publishing a new book of my sermons for Christians, to reprove, rebuke, exhort and revive Christians. To put twice as much material in this book as other publishers put in a \$1.00 book before the war, and still, in

war time, to sell that book for \$1.00 that is our problem. For we are determined to get out the gospel in every way possible, and these books must be at a price that poor people will buy them.

A Chicago firm is now printing one million copies of "What Must I Do To Be Saved" booklet. As readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD know, most of these are given away. Printing cost alone will be approximately \$5,800, besides the expense of office help, wrapping, packing and postage. Our printing bills are enormous. Total expenses for the last three months of this year will probably reach \$40,000. Our weekly pay roll in Wheaton for 16 to 18 people will be over \$400 weekly.

In our books we give more for the money than any other publisher anywhere, Christian or secular, under similar circumstances, as far as we can learn. I take not a penny as royalty or salary or profit. Please join us in prayer that God will give business wisdom, that the work may be prospered, the bills paid, and this paper, which is changing so many lives and saving so many souls, be gotten out to the ends of the world.

Then we have called Dr. Robert J. Wells, a brilliant and devoted young man, a successful pastor but with the call of an evangelist and with the zeal and vision of the Holy Spirit in his heart, to become associate editor of the paper and into full-time evangelistic work. He will also help set up big city-wide campaigns for me and will hold revivals, as he is a great preacher and a splendid soul-winner. He moves to Wheaton November 1. He should be kept busy in revival campaigns.

We have now doubled the size of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, making it an eight-page paper, as the result of many long months of prayer. That will practically double the expense of getting out THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Yet we are determined not to raise the subscription price. We believe it still ought to be only \$1.00 a year. That is a serious problem which God must help us solve, and He will. But it needs prayer.

Mr. Shufelt and I go October 1-29 in a city-wide campaign in Fargo, North Dakota, in the Civic Auditorium. We have other invitations for city-wide campaigns in Tacoma, Washington, in Fresno, California, in San Jose, California, and a number of other cities. But there are special problems in each place, about securing the proper building, about winning the confidence of pastors and people, securing radio time, etc. And always there is the great problem of the power and wisdom of God. Oh, to be filled, overwhelmed, baptized, with the Holy Spirit of God, in His mighty power! And that power of the Holy Spirit comes only as a result of obedience and prevailing prayer!

So we ask you to pray. We want definite, regular, persistent, prayer helpers, who will make this part of their regular service to prayer. I do not want the names simply of thousands of people who wish me well and will sometime, if it comes to their hearts, mention my name in prayer. No, I want far more than that.

My proposition is this: if you will set aside a half-hour daily for secret prayer and waiting on God; and if in this half-hour of secret prayer daily you will definitely seek God's blessing upon my revival campaigns and upon the great burdens and problems connected with THE SWORD OF THE LORD PUBLISHERS, and will write to me now and definitely a-

NAVAL CHAPLAIN USES 'PRAYER' IN SAILOR'S WEEKLY BIBLE CLASS

A fine letter from Chaplain John W. Kopp, of the United States Navy, stationed at Whidey Island, Washington, tells how God is blessing his fine ministry there. Chaplain Kopp said:

"While on leave—and we had a wonderful time—my wife and I read together your good book PRAYER, ASKING AND RECEIVING which you gave me at Everett. What a blessing it has been to me! I surely thank God for it—and you, dear brother. Only He knows how I needed just such admonition and 'stirring up' in this matter. I'm using it as a basis for study in our weekly prayer meetings."

We thank God for faithful chaplains who believe the Bible, who really win souls. In Army and Naval Bases all over America we have discovered this fact; wherever chaplains are Bible preachers, evangelistic, soul winning preachers, they have good attendance at the chapels. Wherever pastors are modernists or formalists, the kind of preachers who do not have Sunday evening services at home, the kind who do not have revival services and evangelistic campaigns, then the attendance is meager and the interest practically insignificant.

Many pastors have written that they have used the Scriptural material in the 21 chapters of this large book Prayer—Asking and Receiving by Editor John R. Rice for a series of prayer meetings or round table discussions.

The book, with 328 large pages, bound in royal blue cloth, plus Jacket, sells for only \$1.50. Ideal for Christmas gifts to Christian service men. Greatly appreciated by pastors, missionaries, and all Christians. Order from the Sword of the Lord Publishers, 145 North Hale Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

gree to do this, I will write you a letter each month telling of my plans and burdens and spiritual triumphs and victories. And we will be partners in this great and blessed work that God has laid in my hands and on my heart. Will you do it?

Please do not ask to be enrolled in this Sword Prayer Band, to receive the monthly letter, unless you will definitely promise God and me to spend not less than a half-hour daily in secret prayer, remembering revivals and the other work connected with THE SWORD OF THE LORD and my books. You may pray for other things in the same half-hour, as God lays on your hearts, but please promise to remember these burdens every day in a period of secret prayer of at least thirty minutes.

APPLICATION

Evangelist John R. Rice, Editor
THE SWORD OF THE LORD
145 N. Hale Street
Wheaton, Ill.

Dear Brother Rice:

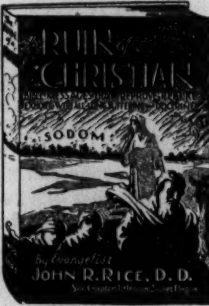
Please put my name on your list of prayer helpers, THE SWORD PRAYER BAND. I promise you and God to spend not less than thirty minutes in secret prayer daily, and to earnestly pray for great power on your revivals with thousands saved, and will pray for your burdens as editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, author and publisher.

Please send me a letter each month telling about your revival campaigns and the problems and burdens and blessings connected with your publishing work.

SIGNED _____

ADDRESS _____

YOU GET THIS FREE!



This is the newest book by Dr. John R. Rice, editor SWORD OF THE LORD. There are 178 large pages, nearly 100,000 words, 12 long chapters. It is bound in rich Orange colored cloth with pictured Purple and Yellow jacket, a beautiful gift for library style book. The chapter headings are as follows: 1. The Ruin of A Christian. 2. Lukewarmness — The Sin That Makes God Vomit. 3. God's Slaughter Crew. 4. The Curse of Hidden Sin. 5. The Sin of Lying. 6. Break Up Your Fallow Ground. 7. The Seven-Fold Sin of Those Who Do Not Win Souls. 8. "Speak Not Evil One of Another, Brethren." 9. Judge Not. 10. "Be Ye Not Unequally Yoked Together With Unbelievers." 11. Washing Dirty Feet. 12. A New Start.

FREE TO YOU: Just send two one-year subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD at \$1 each, a total of two with two names and addresses, and this book will be sent as a free premium, post-paid Hundreds will send ten subscriptions each and receive five of these lovely books for gifts.

If you can send as many as twenty subscriptions you may receive free, if you prefer, \$10 worth of other high grade Christian books as a home library or Sunday School library, 50c worth of books of your choice for \$1 subscription, provided you send twenty or more. A fine list of recommended books will be sent on request for you to select from.

But if you cannot send many subscriptions, at least you can send two and get this lovely gift book, THE RUIN OF A CHRISTIAN, free. You may include your own renewal subscription if desired. Write today, sending at least two names with addresses and \$2 and the book will come to you by return mail, absolutely free. Give names and addresses of subscriptions below.

CONVENIENT COUPON

SWORD OF THE LORD PUBLISHERS
145 N. Hale St.
Wheaton, Illinois

Please enroll the following subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD one year each.

SEND SUBSCRIPTIONS TO:

1. Name _____	Street No. or Route _____	<input type="checkbox"/> New
	City and State _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
2. Name _____	Street No. or Route _____	<input type="checkbox"/> New
	City and State _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
3. Name _____	Street No. or Route _____	<input type="checkbox"/> New
	City and State _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
4. Name _____	Street No. or Route _____	<input type="checkbox"/> New
	City and State _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
5. Name _____	Street No. or Route _____	<input type="checkbox"/> New
	City and State _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
6. Name _____	Street No. or Route _____	<input type="checkbox"/> New
	City and State _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
7. Name _____	Street No. or Route _____	<input type="checkbox"/> New
	City and State _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
8. Name _____	Street No. or Route _____	<input type="checkbox"/> New
	City and State _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
9. Name _____	Street No. or Route _____	<input type="checkbox"/> New
	City and State _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
10. Name _____	Street No. or Route _____	<input type="checkbox"/> New
	City and State _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal

Enclosed find \$_____. I understand I am entitled to one free copy of the book, THE RUIN OF A CHRISTIAN, with each two yearly subscriptions. Please send books to

Name _____

Address _____

Pastor Orders 'Prayer' Book For People

By the Editor

In the Brooklyn Tent Evangel in July, it was my privilege to meet Dr. George Wells Arms, pastor of the Bedford-Central Presbyterian Church. He was in a group of beloved pastors who had lunch with me at the Y.M.C.A. I gave these brethren copies of my book on Prayer as a token of my appreciation and love.

From Dr. Arms comes a kindly letter, dated September 7, enclosing \$30.00 to buy copies of the book on Prayer for his officers and church members. By his kind consent, I quote his letter here.

"Dear Brother:

"I wrote you just before going away on vacation, thanking you for your book on prayer, and telling you that I expected to take it away with me and read it, which I have done. Now that it has been read, and I am back again on the job, the best way that I can tell you of my appreciation is by enclosing my check for \$30.00, which represents a sum contributed by others, and asking you to send me as many copies as you can for that amount, presuming that you might be able to give me a bit

better rate on a larger order. I want to start these in circulation among my officers and people, and I am sure that they will have your prayers behind them.

"I can add nothing to what others have said concerning the worth of your book. It is Scriptural, profound, and yet so that the average man can well grasp it, and best of all inspires to earnest praying.

"I regret so much that I had not opportunity of being at the Tent Evangel this past summer. With kindest personal greetings,
"Faithfully yours,"
(Signed) George W. Arms

Perhaps some Christian who reads this may be impressed to put the book *Prayer—Asking and Receiving* into the hands of others Christians. I am especially anxious that ministerial students have the book as well as missionaries and pastors. We are grateful to God that He has made this book a blessing to many. Will you help get it to others?

Order from Sword of the Lord Publishers, 145 North Hale Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

Our READERS Say—

"Enclosed please find \$1 for renewal of my subscription to your most valuable paper, *The Sword of the Lord*. I read and file every issue and with many others, praise God for its ministry."

Rev. Wm. E. A., Columbus, O.

"Enclosed please find \$1.50 for my renewal to *The Sword of the Lord*. Your evangelistic weekly is much appreciated, and I would not want to be without it. From practically every issue I file a sermon or two; sometimes the whole paper."

Rev. D—I. A—
Vermilion, Alta., Can.

PRIVATE SHARES BLESSINGS OF SWORD WITH OTHERS

"I want to say that I am receiving *The Sword of the Lord*, and it sure is a welcome paper. I enjoy the messages by the different pastors and it sure has strengthened my Christian life here in the army. It is hard to live a Christian life in the army among these unsaved men. But I know this is in God's plan for me to be here, and I pray I can witness for Him here, and to do His will. We have a day room in our squadron, and I have put tracts there for men to read and also your paper. And I am praying for them, and I pray that their hearts will be touched."

Pvt. George, Wendover Field, Utah.

"EVERY PAPER I GET BRINGS ME CLOSER TO GOD"

"I am a shut-in; have been past walking for ten years . . . Your sermons and the other sermons in the paper have taught me how to pray, and every paper I get brings me closer to God. I am a better Christian than I ever was since I have been reading your books."

Mrs. P.—H.—
Utica, Ky.

"SAILOR ON FURLOUGH RENEWS SUBSCRIPTION"

"Dear Bro. Rice:
"I'm now in service and came home to find that my subscription ran out so I am renewing and the

dollar is enclosed. It is the best weekly paper in the United States. I as a sailor can say it is a help in service to have such a paper on hand to read and it gives me a desire to go on. Also it has timely messages in the present age.

"Yours in His service,"
C—R—

NEVER SO CLOSE TO THE LORD AS SINCE READING SWORD

"Just a few lines to let you know how well I love to read *The Sword of the Lord*. I had never come so close to my Saviour as since reading your *Sword of the Lord*, and I pray and thank God for giving me that love of reading the word of the Bible.

"E—H—
"Racine, Wisconsin"

KEPT CLOSER TO THE LORD BECAUSE OF SWORD

"I am enclosing \$1.00 bill for the year, renewal of my wonderful companion, yours' and the Lord's, *Sword of the Lord*. My stepmother gave me a years subscription for a Christmas present about 6 years ago. That little paper has guided me through many a problem and has kept me closer to our dear Lord."

Miss Mary Alice
Phoenix, Arizona

"I THANK GOD I HEARD OF YOU AND THE SWORD OF THE LORD THE FIRST TWO WEEKS AFTER I WAS SAVED"

"I think your little paper *The Sword of the Lord* is really the best paper I've ever read, so far, for good old-fashioned preaching on salvation, sin, Hell, and judgment. I thank God that I heard of you and the "Sword" the first two weeks after I was saved. It has helped me so much in living and growing in the Christian Life."

Mrs. Roy, Belvidere, Ill.

A REAL INSPIRATION IN PASTOR'S MINISTRY

"Dear Dr. Rice:
"Please renew my subscription to *The Sword of the Lord* for one year. I enclose one dollar.

"May I say that the paper has been a source of great enrichment in my Christian experience and a very real inspiration in my ministry. I should have been far behind where I am today had it not been

for the practical Christian living instruction I have received from your paper. Many of its printed sermons have been the inspiration and basis for sermons of my own. Your article, 'Speak Not Evil of One Another, Brethren,' made such an impression upon me that I preached upon it at a morning service. The message was timely, the Spirit was present, and in response to the opportunity the entire congregation stood pledging themselves, by God's grace, to practice this admonition. Many, many other articles and sermons have blessed me and my ministry beyond measure. How I praise God for the ones on prayer; particularly *definite praying*! I have proved its truth . . .

"Yours in brotherly love,
Rev. C—J. A—"

FADED SWORD 3 YEARS OLD, LED MINISTER TO SUBSCRIBE

"Dear Editor:
"By chance a copy of your paper, *The Sword of the Lord* fell into my hands and I read it with much interest. It was only three years of age and parts of it partly faded but it carried an inspiring thought so impressive that I want to read more of them.

"I am a minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and am impressed by the boldness of your paper for the things it stands for in this age. You will find enclosed \$1 for my subscription for one year."

Rev. A. B. H—
Garfield, Ky.

S. S. TEACHER

"I can truly say as a Sunday School teacher by the grace of God, this paper has been a great blessing to me and my family and no Sunday School teacher or preacher should be without it, as it brings home the testimony of the most fundamental preachers in America."

Henry, Roca, Nebraska

SWORD USED IN PRAYER MEETING

"I am enclosing one dollar for a subscription for *The Sword of the Lord*. We have been blessed mightily by its messages this past year—using them often as meditations in our prayer meeting. Recently, I used the sermon by Brother Hankins on 'Men ought always to pray, and not to faint,' and with blessed results."

Esther B., Ft. Atkinson,
Wisconsin

PASTOR FEELS NEED OF EVANGELISTIC MESSAGES HE GETS IN SWORD

"As a pastor I can't let your paper discontinue. Believe it fits a need in my ministry that no other paper or magazine can fulfill. Our evening meetings on Sunday nights are always evangelistic. Your paper is just the thing I need in getting real, fiery, evangelistic messages. Especially appreciate the illustrations that I read and cut out for future use."

Rev. Albert, Mt. Carmel,
Illinois

SUBSCRIBER FOR EIGHT YEARS

"We have been enjoying blessings from your 'Sword' now for eight years, and trust that God will continue to keep you able to send it out."

"Mr. & Mrs. J.—M—
"Murphy, N. C."

"I WILL NOT MISS ONE PRECIOUS COPY"

"You will never know this side of eternity how very much spiritual food I receive from the Spirit-filled messages in *The Sword of the Lord*. Each one I read is more food for my hungry soul. I pass them on to friends after I have finished with them. I am enclosing \$1 just to be sure I will not miss one precious copy."

Mrs. J. W. B—
Raleigh, N. C.

SURPRISED TO FIND A PAPER LIKE THE SWORD

"I received the old copies of your paper *The Sword of the Lord* and I have never seen such power in a paper before. I did not know that God was putting out so much food in a little paper."

Mr. J. W.—Jennison, Ala.

8 - 1 YEAR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO OTHERS

"Enclosed find check for \$8 for which send *The Sword of the Lord* to the following addresses for one year each (eight names). My husband and I enjoy your paper so very much. We think it so worthwhile we wish to use part of our tithing money to send it to others.

(Signed) "M. E. G.—
"Corvallis, Montana"

CUP OVERFLOWS WHEN READS SWORD

"My joy and blessings this morning are too great for words to express. I don't get to go to church on Sunday, but my cup overflows on Monday when I read the Spirit-anointed messages in *The Sword of the Lord*.

4 MONTHS SUBSCRIPTION SENT IN BY FRIEND—RE-NEWS FOR 3 YEARS

"Along with my two dollars subscription for three years, I want to enclose a note of appreciation and thanks for the immeasurable good your little paper has done me. Someone was kind and thoughtful enough to present me with a quarterly subscription to *The Sword of the Lord* and to this day I do not know whom to thank but I am deeply grateful and just wanted to be another among many others to tell you that its entrance into our home has been a source of great blessing. My prayer is that you may have continued strength and support to continue the good work.

Yours in His love,
H—M. S—

FORCED TO SUBSCRIBE AGAIN

"Now that my trial subscription is ended, I find the paper of such inestimable value that I am literally forced to subscribe for it again. I could never tell you how my heart has been thrilled many, many times as I have read and re-read the arresting messages true to the Word of God.

"O—A. B—
"Minneapolis, Minn."

NOT ANOTHER PAPER BRINGS SO GREAT PREACHERS INTO THIS HOME

"I have been receiving *The Sword of the Lord* from the time you held revival meetings in Binghamton six or seven years ago, and can truthfully say that the paper has been a blessing to both my wife and myself through all the years. I do not believe that there is another Christian paper that brings the sermons of so many of our great preachers into our homes.

"E—J. M—
"Binghamton, N. Y."

HOPES NEVER TO BE WITHOUT SWORD

"Dear Mr. Rice: I would like to be able to tell you how much I appreciate your splendid little paper, but cannot do justice to it or express the praise it deserves. Am hoping I never have to get along without it."

"Mrs. D. M. G—
"Frankfort, S. Dak."

"I HAVE NEVER SEEN A PAPER IN AMERICA LIKE IT"

"Enclosed please find \$1 for which send me *The Sword of the Lord* for one more year. Have enjoyed it very much. I have never seen a paper in America like it. I look forward to getting it every week, as I don't know what I would do without it."

"R—V—M—
"Grand Rapids, Mich."

MISSIONARIES GREATLY HELPED BY ARTICLES IN SWORD

"Gentlemen:

"As a result of Dr. Rice's recent meetings in Harvey, Illinois, a friend there sent us a year's subscription to your paper. We feel this was of Him, for the articles appearing recently on Christian victory and the editor's article on prayer has been a real boon to us in our spiritual lives. My wife and I are missionaries among rural folk up here in the North woods, working with the Oak Hills Fellowship, but we feel that our ministry has been, until recent weeks, the marking time type. God has been convicting us deeply about these things and when we had gotten things straightened out your articles came to our prepared hearts. As a result we are claiming, on the basis of what God is and wants to do for revival, His power in the lives of His children where we are ministering. Mercy drops have already fallen and we are claiming showers for His glory, the blessing of His children and the salvation of the hitherto hardened unreached lost around us here.

"Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your obedience to His leading in inserting the articles in your paper as you have. We feel they were for us. We are passing our papers to others for their help, too.

"Sincerely in Him"
Mr. & Mrs. A—A—

15 Christmas Gifts

(Continued From Page One)

der this offer, receiving as free gift, five copies of this lovely book.

WHAT VALUES!

The Sword of the Lord has practically doubled in circulation every two years. With four pages at \$1 a year, it was America's foremost evangelistic weekly. Now, twice as big, the price is still \$1 though it is obviously worth \$2 a year. The book we offer you free with each two annual subscriptions has 178 extra large pages, is bound in Grade A cloth, stamped in gold, with a rich, colorful jacket and from any other publisher in America these war days, we believe it would cost you from \$1.50 to \$2. So when you send two subscriptions for \$2, you get at least \$5 worth. In buying ten subscriptions for \$10, you get at least \$25 value. That is, 10 subscriptions and 5 books. Either the book or the paper would be received as a gift of refinement, good taste and Christian sentiment.

You may send the books to loved ones overseas now or give them before Christmas to others or save them for Christmas time. The subscriptions can be sent at once, or if you like, for people in the U. S. can begin with the Christmas issue, in which case we would send a Christmas gift card for you.

We are able to offer these values because the author receives no royalty on the books, the editor receives no salary from *The Sword of the Lord*, and the publishers receive no profit on the investment and because of the very large savings on quantity production of the books.

Take advantage of this offer! If possible send ten subscriptions today. If you can not send all ten at once, send two now and two each week for four more weeks.

If you can only send two subscriptions, do that and we will be glad to send you one copy of this lovely book free. You may include your own renewal as one of the subscriptions if you like. Be sure to mark renewal subscriptions, give names and addresses carefully and tell where to send the books.

Write a post card today for your free monthly copy of
The Missionary Crusader
2102 Whitesboro St.
UTICA 4, N. Y.

Death In The Pot

(Continued From Page One)

moral and social reform. In these fields it has made notable contributions to the welfare of the under-privileged. However, it has been on the wrong side of some of our gravest social problems. Its advocacy of birth control and much too frank sex education in mixed classes has been a scandal which has cost it the respect and support of many people.

Its work for the colored race has been helpful in some respects but questionable in others. Nearly two decades ago the more daring spirits among the Council leaders began to discuss the social equality of the races. The Federal Council Bulletin called *Information Service*, in reporting one of its departmental conferences said, "The conferences in almost every session faced frankly their personal attitudes toward men and women of different races—in business and social relations. Nor was the question of intermarriage evaded. That was considered at length. It was felt that some pioneer spirits should take advanced steps in that direction." That intermarriage of negroes and whites is freely and favorably discussed in such conferences is a well-known fact.

The Federal Council's political activities have occasionally been commendable. On the other hand, it has often espoused causes which have justified the charge that those who are politically radical, anti-capitalistic, and even communistic are high in its councils. The weight of its influence is on the side of labor as against management, government ownership as against private industry, paternalism as against free enterprise, radical socialism as against the American democratic system of the past. These tendencies are disturbing to those who are politically and socially conservative.

The greatest cause for anxiety, however, is its sabotage of Christian doctrine. While its inclusive policy encourages the membership of evangelicals, their rating in its councils is low enough to make their participation practically useless from a spiritual standpoint. It is the deep conviction of evangelical leaders who have carefully investigated its record that it is so fully controlled by disbelievers in the more essential historic doctrines of the Christian Church that there is no prospect of any change in its position in these most vital matters.

We believe the time has come for a dispassionate review of the record of the Federal Council with respect to Christian doctrine, as well as some of the social and political issues which have engaged its attention. We have no desire to institute an unfair attack upon the Council but simply to clarify the issues so that Christians everywhere may be able to decide intelligently whether the organization is worthy of their allegiance.

Within the next decade we believe that Protestantism will be almost entirely affiliated with the National Association of Evangelicals or with the Federal Council. Although the National Association is devoted primarily to the propagation of the gospel, and the Federal Council to the solution of social and political problems, the two organizations are frankly competitive. They cannot walk together because they do not agree as to the issues or the remedies. The conflict attendant upon these issues cannot be avoided. Dr. Fosdick said, with remarkable candor, some time ago, "The uproar of the last few years associated with fundamentalism has been caused in part by the clear and true perception of the reactionaries that the liberals are gaining, and that, if

not stopped now, they will soon be in control" (*Adventurous Religion*, pp. 240, 241).*

* Harper & Brothers, Publishers, New York.

This is an important admission. "Control" of religion is the goal of modernism. One after another of the citadels of faith have fallen as a result of its highly organized attacks. Shall we continue to be defeated or shall we learn to stand unitedly against its tide of unbelief?

In presenting the case against the Council we shall speak plainly but not with rancor. We shall endeavor to stick to the facts, and if, in any instance, we inadvertently depart from the truth, we shall welcome enlightenment and shall gladly make reparation. That the Federal Council includes in its constituency the whole gamut of theological conviction and speculation, from those who are evangelical to those who are Unitarian in belief, will be denied by no one familiar with the truth. That it is hopelessly heretical and committed to the destruction of evangelical faith we shall endeavor to prove. That in the process of achieving its objectives it proposes to create a superorganization of oppression and repression we are convinced.

Inasmuch as it has no theological statement, its trend and character in relation to doctrine can only be judged by an examination of the creed of its officers and those most prominent in its councils.

It may well be objected that these leaders are so diverse in their beliefs that no diagnosis is possible which will be fair to all of them. The danger of injustice to some has been weighed. Frankly, we believe that we are justified in contending that if, as is alleged, the Federal Council is the spearhead of theological heresy in America, we have the right to prove the allegation by the statements of its leaders. The sabotage of those foundational doctrines of the Christian faith on which the Church has rested during two millenniums will inevitably bring about the collapse of its structure. If the undermining process is allowed to proceed unchallenged, even though it be conducted by a few, the result will still be disastrous, and those who give their tacit consent to it by silence and by continued relationship with the saboteurs must bear a part of the responsibility. The presence and participation of so-called evangelicals in the work of the Federal Council cannot compensate for the destructive influence of the modernists therein any more than the presence of a small (or large) percentage of wheat flour in a loaf of bread can nullify the deadly effect of arsenic in the same loaf. If some in the Federal Council are in disagreement with the pronouncements of modernist leaders, they should rebuke them for their heresy and withdraw from fellowship with them.

While Christian fellowship cannot be built entirely upon doctrinal uniformity it is evident that doctrine cannot be ignored. We read in the account of the great pentecostal outpouring of the spirit at Jerusalem that the new-born Christians "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship." One is essential to the other. Therefore, the Federal Council must accept the characterization which its officers and leaders have given it by their public utterances on doctrine.

Finally, we wish to point out that we are not impugning the high idealism or the sincerity of these leaders with whom we find ourselves in total disagreement on many of the most vital questions. We do not believe it is our province to judge their motives. It is

our duty to make clear to the public the issues which are, inevitably, to determine the course of Protestantism during the coming years.

A bit of information regarding the earlier efforts at co-operation among evangelical denominations is essential to an understanding of the birth of the Federal Council. There had been a growing concern among leaders in the churches for many years over the multiplying divisions among Protestants. Various efforts at interdenominational co-operation had been made as far back as the American Revolution. One of the most notable of these resulted in the eventual organization of the Evangelical Alliance in London, in 1846. Several distinguished American delegates were present and participated in the proceedings.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at that convention:

"That the members of this conference are deeply convinced of the desirableness of forming a confederation on the basis of great evangelical principles held in common by them which may afford to members of the Church of Christ opportunity of cultivating brotherly love, enjoying Christian intercourse, and promoting such other objects as they may hereafter agree to prosecute together; and they hereby proceed to form such a confederation under the name of the Evangelical Alliance."

A statement of faith was adopted which in most of its essential points was in harmony with recent fundamentalist creedal statements. Membership in the Alliance was contingent upon the acceptance of this affirmation which included the following points:

1. The divine inspiration, authority, and sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures;
2. The right and duty of private judgment in the interpretation of the Holy Scriptures;
3. The unity of the Godhead and the Trinity of Persons therein;
4. The utter depravity of human nature in consequence of the fall;
5. The Incarnation of the Son of God, His work of atonement for the sins of mankind, and His mediatorial intercession and reign;
6. The justification of the sinner by faith alone;
7. The work of the Holy Spirit in the conversion and sanctification of the sinner;
8. The immortality of the soul, the resurrection of the body, the judgment of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, with the eternal blessedness of the righteous and the eternal punishment of the wicked;
9. The divine institution of the Christian ministry and the obligation and perpetuity of the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

The Evangelical Alliance prospered and did valuable service over a period of many years. However, as John A. Hutchison pointed out in his history of the Federal Council, published in 1941 under the title *We Are Not Divided*,* this doctrinal statement "did serve to fasten upon the organization a theological or doctrinal nature which, in the course of time, proved for the American branch to be a strait jacket."

Mr. Hutchison believes that "one of the clues to the failure of the Evangelical Alliance was the theological rigidity which prevented it from adjusting itself to one of the major transitions in the history of the American Church Educated people began to demand that religion put off the crudities of an earlier day and put on the garments of refinement and culture."

Again Mr. Hutchison comments, "The nineteenth century liberal revolt in New England brought into American Christianity currents of humane and ethical thought which before the end of the century had influenced even the most orthodox

denominations. Nineteenth century scientific thought, with its concepts of evolution and progress, likewise made its mark on the churches . . ." (*Ibid.*)

It was not strange, in view of the decreasing interest in theology or hostility to it which became increasingly prevalent during the closing years of the century, that the evangelical emphasis of the Alliance was no longer popular. There was widespread interest in the organization of a new type of inter-church council or federation which would declare a moratorium on theology and devote itself to the proclamation of the "social gospel."

Thus the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America came into existence in 1908. The preliminary work of organization was commenced at a conference attended by official delegates from thirty denominations which met in Carnegie Hall, New York, November 15 to 21, 1905. Among the delegates were many evangelicals, but also a considerable number of those who had turned away from the historic positions of the Church on many doctrinal points and had become the pioneers of the twentieth-century apostasy, known as modernism or liberalism.

In contrast with the earlier organization (the Evangelical Alliance), no statement of faith was adopted by the Federal Council other than that which appears in the preamble of its constitution. Reference is made therein to the "essential oneness of the Christian Churches of America in Jesus Christ as their divine Lord and Saviour." In place of a doctrinal statement, the Federal Council adopted a Social Creed which, with variations in detail, remains to this day. A comparison of this with the creed adopted by the Evangelical Alliance is enlightening.

"To us it seems that the churches must stand—

"For equal rights and complete justice for all men in all stations of life.

"For the right of all men to the opportunity for self-maintenance, a right ever to be wisely and strongly safeguarded against encroachments of every kind.

"For the right of workers to some protection against the hardships often resulting from the swift crises of industrial change.

"For the principle of conciliation and arbitration in industrial dissensions.

"For the protection of the worker from dangerous machinery, occupational disease, injuries, and mortality.

"For the abolition of child labor.

"For the regulation of the conditions of toil for women as shall safeguard the physical and moral health of the community.

"For the suppression of the 'sweating system.'

"For the gradual and reasonable reduction of the hours of labor to the lowest practicable point, and for that degree of leisure for all which is a condition of the highest human life.

"For a release from employment one day in seven.

"For a living wage as a minimum in every industry and for the highest wage that each industry can afford.

"For the most equitable division of the products of industry that can ultimately be devised.

"For suitable provision for the old age of the workers and for those incapacitated by injury.

"For the abatement of poverty."

Certainly, there can be little fault found with the high ideology of these objectives. But they make no reference to God, the Church, or doctrine. They could be adopted by any purely secular organization with enthusiasm. Here, at last, is the successful exclusion of everything which has to do with the peculiar message or mission of the Church and the inclusion only of the externals which have to do

with the superstructure rather than the foundations of the building. Is it not worthy of consideration that most of the social objectives of the Federal Council during the thirty-five years of its history have been wholly or partially defeated and that much ground that was gained temporarily has been lost again?

Nothing could stop the victorious march of the early Church in the days of its power, when its message was first, last, and always, "that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (I Cor. 15: 3, 4). That message bore its fruit first of all in transformed lives. As a matter of course, it opened an era of social and political reform that progressively and increasingly blessed the generations of those who believed in Christ.

The charge that evangelicals are not socially minded in an unwarranted slander. The greatest social and political reforms of history, the most worthy and extensive charities, the finest and most glorious advances in the arts have accompanied every period of spiritual revival in the Church. This is not open to question. But these things have always been the by-products rather than the chief objectives. We contend that any attempt to build a better society by the adoption of a social service creed without a foundation of scriptural doctrine and experience is like building a house on the shifting sands of the desert.

One acknowledged reason for the introduction of the social gospel as a substitute for evangelical preaching was the hope that the laboring man, who, it could be seen, was deserting the churches, might be tempted by this new approach to renew his interest in religion. This hope has been doomed to disappointment. Progressively, in those areas where the ideology of the Federal Council has been received with the greatest enthusiasm, the continued drift from church attendance has been the greatest. For instance, in New England, the stronghold of liberalism and the social gospel, more than one thousand churches stand deserted or have been converted to other uses. Church attendance has declined to such a degree that hundreds of communities have not even one family of churchgoers. Less than eight per cent of the residents of New England attend any Protestant church regularly. In some counties the average attendance is scarcely five per cent of the population.

While there have been other contributing factors, the largest measure of responsibility may justly be laid at the door of those organizations which have followed the policies of the Federal Council the most faithfully. When men lose their conviction of the need of a new birth and a Saviour from sin there is little incentive for them to attend church, except to join in its social affairs, or to maintain an appearance of respectability in communities where there are some vestigial remains of the puritanical conscience of an earlier generation.

No, the social gospel is not the key that unlocks the door to the heart, either of working men or anyone else. The Federal Council has toiled, not merely through a night, but through a generation, and has caught nothing.

(The above is the first of five articles by Dr. J. Elwin Wright, on modernism, pacifism and dangerous leadership of the Federal Council of Churches. These five articles may be obtained in one pamphlet, *DEATH IN THE POT*, 56 pages, for 25c per copy from Sword of the Lord Publishers 145 N. Hale St., Wheaton, Ill. or Fellowship Press 9 Park St., Boston, Mass.)

Peter And Jesus

(Continued From Page One)

did. If he sinned, then you may sin, too. You may do the same kind of sin. I want everybody here to know that there is no limit to the terrible depths of sin he may fall into after he is saved, except that he reject Christ as Saviour and so cannot commit the unpardonable sin. Those are only sins (as far as I recall) that one cannot commit after one is saved.

A lost man can get drunk, and so can a Christian. Noah did, and Lot did. A lost man can curse and blaspheme, and a Christian can, too. Peter did, and I know some other people who have. A lost man can commit adultery like David and Samson; and a deacon or a preacher who is really born again may commit nearly any kind of sin in the world. You had better pray and watch your step and watch your heart! Watch and pray, or you are liable to fall into shocking sin, even if you are a Christian. Peter did.

2. Neglected Prayer. Means Weakness In Temptation

What did Peter do that led him into this terrible sin? In the first place, Peter slept when Jesus told him to pray. I have read you the story of Peter when he was with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane and how Jesus had already warned him particularly. But when it came time to pray, Peter slept! He said, "I am sleepy and tired." There are many times when you ought to pray when you are sleepy. You say, "But I must get my sleep." You had better get your prayers answered and get victory over Satan first. Peter got into trouble because he slept instead of praying. Anybody who wants to live straight and not get drunk nor fall into adultery nor deny Christ, will have to spend a good deal of time praying. I hope you will make a definite engagement with the Lord, and spend sometime every day in secret prayer. If you could have it at the same time every day, the first thing in the morning, that would be better, but you ought to have some time in secret prayer every day, a private consultation alone with God. I find that when I do not do that, or when I postpone it until afternoon, I often fall into sin, and I do not get as much work done as I do when I have prayed. A Christian will most likely deny Jesus somewhere during the day if he forgets to pray. "Ere you left your room this morning

Did you think to pray?
In the name of Christ, our Saviour,
Did you sue for loving favor,
As a shield today?"

A Christian cannot succeed and not pray. A Christian cannot whip the devil unless he prays. Someone has said,

"The devil trembles when he sees
The weakest saint upon his knees."

If a saint really prays with sincere devotion and contrite heart, the devil may well tremble, because he cannot get the man who holds on to God in prayer. Peter lost out by not praying.

How much do you pray? Do you pray fifteen minutes a day? Most of us do not. Do you pray five minutes a day? Most of us do not. Three minutes? No, most of us do not spend that much time in honest, real, secret prayer to God, begging God for help in time of need and for strength in time of temptations. God help us to pray! If you want to whip the devil, you must pray. If you want to please God, and if you want to have strength for temptations, then you must pray. Those who fail to pray through may deny Christ as Peter did.

3. Peter Was Defeated Because He Did Not Know His Bible.

Another thing, Peter fell into sin

because he did not understand about the crucifixion and the resurrection. It will not take many Scriptures to show you that that was true. Here is an amazing thing; every time Jesus mentioned His crucifixion, the disciples were astonished at it. Matthew 16:21-22 says:

"From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee." And the "Get thee behind me, Satan, thou art an offence to me." He said in effect, "Peter, you are on the devil's side about this. The devil is trying to keep Me from going to the cross, and is trying to get me to detour around the crucifixion. That is what he has been telling me all the time." So Jesus said to Peter what He had said to Satan, "Get thee behind me, Satan, thou art an offence to me."

In Luke 18:31-34, we find this Scripture:

"Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on; And they shall scourge him, and put him to death; and the third day he shall rise again. And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken."

They did not understand the Old Testament teaching that Jesus would be crucified, and would rise again.

Every time Jesus foretold His going to the cross, His burial and that on the third day He would rise again, they failed to understand about His death, and about His resurrection. Until Jesus came into the upper room after He arose from the dead they did not believe Him concerning the resurrection. They thought He was a ghost until He said Here I am. See my hands, with the nail scars. Put your finger there and thrust your hand into my side. Do not be faithless, but believing. Not until then did they understand the Scriptures about the resurrection. Peter fell into sin and denied Christ because he had not learned the Word of God as he ought. Because they came to the time when the world turned against Jesus and He was now ready to be crucified, they thought, "Jesus has failed and the gospel has failed and we are ruined!" Peter just did not understand it, and did not know what to do. He did not know how it would turn out because he had not studied and prayed over the Word of God as he should have.

Those two who walked down the road to Emmaus that day talking and were sad did not know Jesus when He joined them. He said, "What are you talking about? Why are you so sad?"

They said, "Well, there was a man named Jesus of Nazareth, a prophet, and we thought it was He who should have redeemed Israel, but now He is dead!" And Jesus said, "O fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things and to have entered into his glory?" (see Luke 24:13-26)

And He opened up the books of Moses and the Psalms and the prophets and taught them case after case and Scripture after Scripture proving that Jesus had to die and had to rise again the third day so that His blood could pay for their sins and for the sin of the world.

If Peter had learned that before the time came for Christ's betrayal, he would not have committed that terrible sin of denying his Lord. He wouldn't have been discouraged. When you get discouraged, you are liable to fall into sin. Somebody says, "I am blue today." You had better get out of the blue and get into the pink. When you are blue, the devil is on your trail!

That is the way this physical body is, too. There is normally a slight alkaline, chemical reaction in the body. If your body does not have enough exercise, or if you eat too much meat, fat and sugar instead of vegetables and fruit, then you get an acid condition in the whole body. Then the stomach, the elimination and other things are not right. Then any kind of infection prospers. Any time you get the body all soured up with an acid condition, then there will be throat trouble, enlarged tonsils, sinus infection, gastric ulcers, kidney trouble or some terrible thing wrong with you. The doctors have found that even if it is just a trouble in the toes, it is often fostered by an acid condition of the body. So when you get blue and discouraged and disheartened and down in the mouth, it gives the devil a good chance to do his work. I know many a man can whip the liquor lust and the drink habit until he gets 'down in the mouth' and discouraged and feels that he does not have any friends, and when he goes home the wife that he loves scolds him and things are not happy around there. Then he goes out and says, "I will just have a glass of beer and it will pick me up, and maybe I will feel a little better." Then the first thing he knows, he is drunk and back again in the old habit and in the gutter of sin.

Peter would not have been discouraged and downhearted and defeated if he had only known ahead of time and could have said when Judas came and kissed the shameful kiss on the face of Jesus. "Oh, it is sad, but it is coming to pass as the Scripture has said, and He will die; and His blood poured out will pay for my sins. But I will see Him rise again and will see Him ascend into Heaven." Peter would not have denied Jesus if he had known this ahead of time. Peter would not have been defeated that day. Peter did wrong because he did not study the Bible, and did not learn the Bible. If Peter had known the Bible, he would not have fallen into that terrible sin.

No wonder David said, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee." If you do not watch to obey the Bible teaching, if you don't learn the Bible, if you do not hide it in your heart and store it away like precious treasures hid in your heart, you are going to fall into terrible sin. The only safeguard for a child of God is holding on to God by prayer and then hiding the Word of God in his heart. What I mean is this: John 15:7 says, "If ye abide in me (through the Holy Spirit's leadership) and my words abide in you (the Bible), ye shall ask what ye will (in prayer) and it shall be done unto you." That is constant prosperity, constant safeguarding, constantly winning the fight every day through the Bible and prayer. Peter had neglected those two.

My friends, I beg you, do not neglect the Word of God. "Sin will keep you from the Bible or the Bible will keep you from sin." The man who goes on in sin and likes sin and holds on to it will have no taste for that Book. There is something badly wrong with you when the Bible is dry to you. When you take up this holy Book, this Book written by the Holy Spirit (men wrote down the words of God) and you read here about redemption, about salvation, and about God's love and the romance of creation and a thousand mysteries and glories of the world to come and it is dry to you; Brother, you have been doing something you ought not to do! Something is wrong in your life

or that Book would be sweet and fresh and fascinating and lovely beyond compare. Get this now, the Word of God is a safeguard against sin.

When many of you Christians have a little persecution, or when you start out to win sinners and they talk a little sharply to you or insult you, you get discouraged and you quit. What is the matter? You did not read your Bible. If you had read your Bible like you should, you would have expected that ahead of time. You would have said, "I know they despised Jesus and they will despise me, too. But He said He would be with me." If you had read your Bible, you would have known that the Bible says, "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." If you knew your Bible, you would say, "Thank God, He is going to bless me and help me. I will go on and do a little more for the Lord." You will fail if you go without the safeguard of resting on the Bible.

Peter failed and fell into sin because he did not know what God had planned, and when Satan came to Peter, he was taken by surprise, so he said, "It is all gone any way, Jesus is going to be put to death, I had better save my own life." So Peter told the shameful lie, cursed and swore and tried to get out of the accusation of being a Christian. He broke his own heart and the heart of Christ. Peter became the pattern for all backsliders, the most shameful picture of a child of God; and Satan was able to get him to act that way because he did not know the Bible.

If you do not know your Bible and do not have in your heart the spiritual interpretation, the devil will defeat you, too. You cannot beat the devil without the Word of God.

How Christ Defeated Satan With Scripture

The Lord Jesus Christ was our example on this matter. He was led of the Spirit to be tempted of the devil. The same way He whipped the devil, we may whip the devil. Some people think, "Jesus had advantages that I don't have." No, He didn't He was weak when He went to be tempted. He had fasted forty days so He would be as weak as any man ever was. In times of physical weakness, or discouragement, or exhaustion it is more difficult for us to resist Satan. So we need to specially watch and pray at such times. If you do not watch, you will be discouraged and commit some terrible sin. If your heart is not glad, the devil takes advantage of that. If you have trouble in the home you may go off and get drunk or say wicked things or quit on God. The devil takes advantage of every trouble or weakness. Somebody mistreats you then the devil tries to get you to quit serving the Lord. Perhaps you mash your finger—then the devil says, "You would be justified in getting mad." So you get mad. You may not say anything out loud, but Satan has caused you to sin. The devil will take advantage of everything that comes along to get you to sin. But Jesus said, I will give the devil every advantage of Me and yet I will defeat him as a man filled with the Spirit, and not as God, so that no poor, weak sinner can ever say that I have had more advantage than he. So Jesus went out in the wilderness and was forty days and nights without a bite to eat. When the Spirit led Him out to face the devil, He defeated the devil with the Word of God! That lovely story is found in Matt 4:1-11 and Luke 4:1-13.

I praise God for this. (He is a wonderful Saviour). He put Himself in my place and when He met the devil, said, "I will not use a single weapon but what John Rice

can use, too." When Satan said, "Take these rocks and make bread," Jesus said, "In the first place, John Rice could not make bread out of rock and I am not going to do that either. In the second place I can not obey Satan; even about bread. I have got to whip him the same way John Rice can whip him." So He said, "It is written in the Bible, Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord shall man live." Jesus said, "If the devil ever bothers John Rice about something to eat, he can use the same Scripture."

When Satan brought the other temptation about Jesus falling off the pinnacle of the temple, the devil told Him that the angels would bear him up lest He dash His foot against a stone. Jesus answered, "It is written Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." He answered Satan by Scripture, and so can you.

Then Satan came back and said, "Here is another proposition. I will give you all the kingdoms of this earth if you will bow down and worship me one time." Jesus had a Bible answer to that, too. He turned and said, "It is written, thou shalt love the Lord thy God and Him only shalt thou serve." When Jesus whipped the devil, He whipped him, Brother. He did it with this Word of God.

Had Peter Understood Isaiah 53 And Psalm 22 He Would Never Have Denied Christ

If Peter had just known the Word of God as he sat out there that night he would not have denied Jesus. He would have looked on with a broken heart, to be sure, but he could have said in his heart, "Now I am going to see the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah fulfilled, and the fiftieth, too, where it says, 'I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.' Now I am going to see Him taken out and led to the cross and crucified!" If Peter had just known the Bible, he would have been moved with compassion and tears, but he would have been as bold as a lion and could have said, "Now I am going to see Him bear His cross, and I am going to hear Him pray the prayer of the twenty-second Psalm, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?' I am going to see and hear that. I am going to see Him put down into the grave, and I am going to see Him come up again triumphant over death, hell and the grave!" If Peter had just known that, he surely would not have sinned that time. Peter, if you had just fed yourself on the Word of God you would have had strength to meet this temptation. There is no bread that can give strength for temptation like the Word of God. Feed on the Word, it will keep you from sin.

Peter was defeated by not understanding those things. Whenever Jesus spoke of His death and resurrection, the disciples said, "We don't understand it." None of the disciples did. Peter fell into sin partly because he had not studied the Bible.

4. Bad Company Was The Occasion Of Peter's Sin.

Another factor in Peter's Sin was bad company. Peter said, "There is danger, if I just walk right in where Jesus is being tried. I had better stay out here." So he sat with Satan's crowd by the fire. And friend you may think it dangerous to go all the way with Jesus. That may be so. I frankly admit to you sometimes if you are close enough to Jesus you will suffer for it. You had just as well face that. But I will tell you the other side of it, Brother. Just as certain as you run with the devil's crowd, you will suffer for it. You will suffer more by running with the devil's crowd than by keeping close to Jesus. Yes, you will! Somebody says, "Well, there is so much to give up if I come out-and-out for Jesus." It is

nothing compared with what you will have to give up if you don't! Somebody says, "Well, Brother Rice, it costs something to be a Christian." It costs more to serve the devil and to take the devil's wages! Warming with the crowd around Satan's fire led to Peter's sin.

I am sure Simon Peter lost more than he gained. I am sure as he looked back many and many a time he said, "If I had it to do over! I wish I could take back those words when I denied Him and cursed and swore and said I did not know Him. I wish I could take them back! But oh! it is written down for uncounted millions to read!" If Peter could only have recalled those words! But he couldn't! And badger's cursing and denying Christ.

Years later when Peter himself was taken to be crucified, when the enemies of God came to kill him, as tradition says, he said, "I am not fit to die like Jesus did, I am not worthy. I denied Jesus. Don't crucify me that way! turn my head downward and nail me to the cross like that. I denied Jesus and I am not worthy to die as He died." That is part of the cost of bad company.

Oh, the danger of bad company! I hope you will teach your children the danger of bad company. Bad company! Bad company! If there is a boy, a little boy that uses bad language, just teach your boy to stay away from him. If somebody uses bad language—somebody uses cigarettes, or drinks beer, or talks about the preachers and against the Bible, you had better shun that person. Brother, you are in as much danger as your boy, if you are in bad company, and I am in as much danger as my little girls. Nobody is safe in bad company. Peter was not safe. That chief apostle, the rock, Simon Peter, was not safe when in bad company.

Peter did wrong. Doubtless he said, "Everything is gone now. But I want to know what is going to happen, nobody will observe me, I will just sit here and look on." So he sat down outside with the soldiers. He listened to their ribald jokes and their cursing. As he sat there, a maid came along and accused him of being Jesus' disciple. He had neglected to pray, and he had not learned the Scriptures as he should. And now, in bad company and taken unawares, he denied Jesus.

Here is the danger of bad company. If Simon Peter could have said, "I am out-and-out for the Lord, I am all the way across for the Lord," he would have been all right. But he was afraid of the crowd.

5. The Old Carnal Nature, Inbred Sin, Which All Christians Still Have.

Every person here has an inbred traitor inside his own nature. The wicked nature inside you will betray you. Brother, if you run with the devil's crowd, that traitor inside you will unlock the door and let Satan in. It is your inbred sin! "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked," the Scripture says.

Simon Peter sinned in going in there with those wicked soldiers. He had been as bold as a lion before this time, but the sinful nature inside betrayed him before he knew it. He would not have believed that he would do it. When Jesus warned him he was not alarmed. He did not intend to do it. He himself did not know he would do it until he heard himself cursing and swearing. Oh, when Jesus turned and looked at him and the rooster crowed, he realized how he had sinned! He had not meant to, he did not want to, but he was betrayed by the sin inside.

When you run with bad company, there is a traitor in your own breast that will lead you to your ruin. I beg you, do not run with the devil's crowd! Have no part with them. If you do, the first

thing you know, something wicked inside you will find friends there and you will learn to partake of their sins. No man can find pleasure with the devil's crowd without betraying the Lord Jesus Christ. There is a sinner inside the gate that will betray you. It is your own inbred sin. Peter denied Jesus because he was running with the wrong crowd. If he had gone in there and said at first, "I am one of His disciples. If you are going to kill Him, kill me, too," — if he had said that, the temptation would have been all over.

A new convert often says to me, "I know what my temptation is going to be. It is going to be with the crowd I run with." I will tell you how to face that. Tell them, "I have found Jesus." Go with the light of Heaven on your face and make a bee-line to the hardest one and say, "I have been saved, and I want you to come and take Jesus as your Saviour." Take the Bible with you and tell them of the love of God. The next time you are with them testify for Jesus Christ and say, "I am looking for you Sunday night. I want you to be on the front seat and hear my preacher." Take your Bible with you every time you go and talk about the Lord and you will not have any trouble with bad company. They will give you up, Brother; you won't have any trouble about that; you won't be embarrassed about that if you get red hot for Jesus Christ. They will leave you alone, or they will come with you to serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

This half-way business is the kind of religion that gets you in trouble. "Well," you say, "I am a Christian, but I am no fanatic." Not being a fanatic—that is what gets you in trouble. A man that is out-and-out for Jesus Christ has a safeguard. People say about me, "Well, John Rice is a sort of a fanatic." They never say one thing. They never say, "Come on, Brother Rice, I will give you a drink of my bottle." It is worth being called a fanatic to have that! It is very rare that anybody ever offers me a cigarette, and they never offer it the second time! That is one safeguard you get by being out-and-out, Brother. I thank God for that!

Extreme! Radical! Well, you will save yourself a lot of trouble by being radical, by being an extremist, a fool for Christ. If Simon Peter had been radical and right in there by the warm side of Jesus Christ trying to win somebody, he would not have gotten into this trouble. Brother, you will get in bad trouble if you run with the devil's crowd. If you run with bad company, you will find there is a traitor inside that will betray you, your own inbred sin. You had better crucify that fellow inside and mortify him and put him to public shame and come out-and-out for Jesus and you will not be tempted and fall in so sin and deny Jesus Christ.

6. The Enslavement Of An Old Habit.

Here is another thing. Oh, that is the enslavement of an old habit. Sin! sin! sin! If people really knew! The devil—how he gets people to do wrong. He is a deceiver and a liar and the father of liars. Old Satan. How does he do it? He does it by deceit. It is no wonder God hates a lying tongue! The devil was the first liar. It is no wonder that outside the holy city, and outside of Heaven the Scripture says will be all liars! The devil himself is a liar. The way the devil got Peter to sin, was by deceiving him. If you realized what sin would do and what it costs to tell a lie, you would not do it. If you realized what it costs to steal you would not steal. If you realized what it costs to drink, you would not do it. A sinner who turns down Jesus is deceived. A man would not do it if he realized where it is leading him. He is fooled. The devil deceives him. The prodigal boy never would have gone into far country and wasted his substance with riotous living, had he not been deceived. He did not know it would lead him to the

hog pen. And when "he came to himself," he got up and went home where he ought to have been all the time.

Back in the years when Peter was a horny-handed fisherman by the Sea of Galilee, he did not ever think a little cursing would hurt him much. Oh, Simon Peter, if you just knew that those lips that you are training to curse—if you just knew that when Jesus will be on trial for His life you will curse and swear and deny Him, you would not be cursing out there now!

Sin will betray you. If you let sin get a hold, then in the crisis of your life it will betray you. You might say, "I can drink a little now, and then I can quit it." Maybe you can, but you won't stay quit. The first time of weakness, you are liable to drink again. Sometimes a man says, "I think it is all right to drink a little before you are married." One of these days after you are married when the boys say, "Let's go out for a little good time," and you drink a little, then the old habit and lust for it will return, and you are gone!

I will tell you, poor old Simon Peter was just going back to his old habit. Is there anybody here who thinks this is the first time Simon Peter ever cursed? Do you think it is the first time he ever swore? Oh, No. No! Oh, no. Go back four years listen, yonder is a man out by the sea coast and he hangs his net on a snag and lets out a string of oath. Do you think that fellow died when Simon Peter was converted? No, he did not die, he is still wearing the same pants. There is another man who is born again, and the two men are wearing the same clothes. But that old blaspheming curser has been there all the time. The only safe way is never to begin what you do not want to do in a crisis.

Anybody who ever cursed will have it coming to mind a thousand times when he wishes it never would. A Christian curse? Yes. It will come into your mind a thousand times when you would not for any amount of money have it possess your heart.

A man hears a dirty yarn or tells a dirty, foul story. You do not know it, but one day when you have learned to love the sweetest girl you ever knew and you have your own little children that love you and look up to you and you long to be pure and good and you start out to win souls and wish you were worthy to carry the gospel message in such a poor earthen vessel it will come back with the crashing ruin of an old evil, enslaving habit, as Peter's sin, came back on him in the time of temptation. You had better beware of the thing you tied on back yonder. It will still be tied on down here and may embarrass you when you are trying to safeguard your testimony. You had better beware and stay close to Jesus, because you have sown some seed back there that you will be reaping in the time of the hardest temptation. Beware of enslaving habits!

(To Be Continued Next Week)

Famous Christian Leaders Praise The Sword

Here is what some of America's most influential Christian workers say about *The Sword of the Lord*: DR. W. B. RILEY, Pastor Emeritus of First Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, President of Northwestern Theological Seminary and Bible Training School, says: "Let me congratulate you on the fine circulation this paper has attained. These are days in which full, sound sermons such as you publish in *The Sword of the Lord* must produce wholesome effects. I congratulate you on the paper's success."

DR. LOUIS T. TALBOT, pastor Church of the Open Door, Los Angeles, President Los Angeles Bible Institute wrote August 17,

1944: "No more welcome paper comes to my desk than that published by you, *The Sword of the Lord*. While there may be many Christian periodicals and magazines filling important needs, *The Sword of the Lord* seems to have a field of its own, presenting, as it does, the evangelistic emphasis. One is thoroughly stirred with soul winning zeal in reading it and for that reason it fills a great need. I heartily commend it to my brethren in the ministry and also to the laity. May God grant it the widest possible circulation."

DR. HYMAN J. APPELMAN, famous Southern evangelist: "Your *Sword of the Lord* comes to me every week. It has been a constant source of challenge and inspiration to me. It is needed. Its great evangelistic, consecrated Christian living emphasis is being used of God widely. The preachers who receive it are unanimous in their praise of it. It is a blessing to every Christian heart. I have always given my copies away to others after careful reading of them myself."

A Revival That Started . . .

(Continued From Page One)

that prayer be made for the salvation of her boy. She arose in the church, and said: "I want you to understand that my boy is no common sinner." Taking the child by the hand, she led him out of the place of meeting, and felt that she and her boy had been insulted. A few years later, following a crime in the community, bloodhounds were used to find the guilty party, and the dogs in taking up the trail came to the door of this same mother's home. When the doors were opened, the hounds went right up the stairway to the bed of the boy who was "no common sinner." She had made a mock of sin, and it had come back to her in full measure. All have sinned. All have come short of the glory of God. All have gone astray.—W. W. Hamilton.

"Do They Stick?"

Some people are not interested in revivals and so ridicule any movement that seeks to get sinners to take a positive, public stand for Christ. They say: "It isn't real. They don't stick."

Here is a story that gives the lie to these critics of revival. It is not unusual and many of you could tell of similar experiences, but I give it here as fresh evidence of the power of God in dealing with sinners miraculously making them "new creatures in Christ Jesus."

Recently we had the privilege of welcoming back to Dallas a family of three who had left us over three years ago. Each of these had accepted Christ as their personal Savior in evangelistic services in our church. I first met the wife and mother when she came forward with tears of repentance to accept the invitation to trust Christ. She had been brought up in a Lutheran church but she did not know the meaning of salvation and was living in sin. After being carefully dealt with, she went from the church with the assurance of salvation in her heart.

One week later as the invitation was being given I saw a man walking down one aisle and an eleven-year-old boy walking down another. When they met me at the front of the church, I discovered they were father and son in tears coming to Jesus! The father said, "My wife was saved here last Sunday and is a different woman. She has what I've been looking for and I want to accept Christ as my Saviour." What a privilege to lead that father and his son to Christ! He had been brought up in a Catholic

DR. ROBERT L. MOYER, pastor First Baptist Church, Minneapolis: "I am happy to commend your paper, *The Sword of the Lord*. Its sermons and studies are very helpful, and it brings into thousands of homes messages by the greatest Bible teachers and preachers of the day. The reading of this paper is bound to result in the edification of the saint and the salvation of the sinner."

MR. FRANK W. SHERIFF, Executive Secretary Chicago Christian Business Men's Committee: "Good solid reading, messages instructive, inspirational and always Scriptural from America's best known and greatly used Bible teachers, pastors and evangelists, are to be found week by week. We anticipate with a great deal of joy the regular arrival in our home of *The Sword of the Lord*."

"The Challenge of the Savior"
Send stamp for copy of this 10-page sermon to Christians. Address Evangelist John L. Bray
1066 LaRue Street,
So Jacksonville 7, Florida

church and had learned to drink by stealing wine from the priest's cellar when he was an altar boy. Drink and sin were causing a broken home and life seemed lacking in point and value. He said, "I was probably one of the worst sinners walking on God's green earth." But as God came in, sin went out and he became one of the most zealous workers in the church. Then in God's providence it was necessary for this family to move to another section of the country and three years of traveling from one city and state to another ensued, and now they are back home. To the glory of God we rejoice to say they have grown in grace and are among the most earnest Christian workers we have ever known. Yes, thank God, the Gospel works and those who truly place faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior do stick!

Saving The Lost

Text: "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which is lost" (Luke 19:10).

A soul saved or lost — which?

I. LOST

1. Every soul out of Christ is lost.
 - (a) In that they are all sinners (Rom. 3:22, 23).
 - (b) In that they are all the slaves of sin (John 8:34).
 - (c) In that if they do not turn to Christ they will be lost eternally (John 3:36).

II. SAVED

1. Christ is seeking to save.
 - (a) By His providence.
 - (b) By His Spirit.
 - (c) By His Word.
2. He can save.
 - (a) From the guilt of sin (Acts 10:43).
 - (b) From the power of sin (John 8:36).
 - (c) From Hell (1 Thess. 1:10).
 - (d) To the uttermost (Heb. 7:25).
3. He came to seek the utterly lost.
4. He is seeking to save now!

—R. A. Torrey

Note: The readers of *The Sword of the Lord* are cordially invited to contribute appropriate and useful items for this column. For each Revival Incident, Outline or Illustration we publish we will pay the contributor one dollar. In each case the source of the material must be stated. — Address Evangelist Robert J. Wells, Associate Editor, *The Sword of the Lord*, 145 N. Hale St., Wheaton, Ill.



Evangelist John R. Rice, editor THE SWORD OF THE LORD, author of over thirty books and pamphlets that have printed a total of about four and a third million copies. Dr. Rice is a fervent believer in the whole Bible, a tender, Spirit-filled Bible preacher, a thorough scholar. His books are held to be remarkable—in clear language; convincing, Scriptural proof; and lucid explanation and illustration. Every line of his writing and preaching heads up in the Great Commission: is intended either to win souls or to make soul winners. Over 2,000 have reported themselves saved through his literature, thousands more through his evangelistic campaigns.

Dr. Rice has held great union revival campaigns in Binghamton, N. Y., Minneapolis, Minn., Huntington, W. Va., Elmira, N. Y., Everett, Wash., Buffalo, N. Y., etc.

VALUABLE BOOKS for the CHRISTIAN'S LIBRARY

By Dr. John R. Rice, D. D.

TWELVE TREMENDOUS THEMES

Great doctrines of the Bible are discussed with profound knowledge of the Scriptures, interesting style and evangelistic charm. Great questions are here answered, great controversies settled, on the authority of God's Word. Chapter headings are 1. Verbal Inspiration of the Bible. 2. Scientific Accuracy of the Bible Proven. 3. The Universal Malady, Sin. 4. Double Theme of All Prophets. 5. "Paul's Gospel" or "Kingdom Gospel." 6. The Love of the Spirit. 7. Can A Saved Person Ever Be Lost? 8. Sunday or Sabbath? 9. Is There Literal, Physical Fire in Hell? 10. Is the Torment in Hell Eternal? 11. "Churches" and "The Church." 12. Jesus May Come Today.

ROBERT G. LEE, D.D., LL. D., Litt. D. Memphis, Tennessee, says in his introduction to the book, "This book is truth simply and pungently phrased. It sets forth conclusions clearly and concisely expressed. It is declaration saturated and foundationed with

the Scriptures. It makes appeal woefully and earnestly uttered." He suggests that the messages be "read and preached."

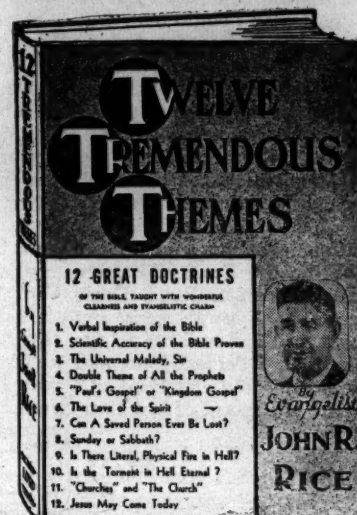
MOODY MONTHLY says: "This book, from the prolific mind of a beloved author, deals with twelve basic subjects . . . We expect from the author a sound and at the same time a gripping presentation of these subjects, and we are not disappointed."

WESTERN RECORDER says, "Clear and positive, simply yet forcefully stated, these doctrines need re-emphasis in our times, and the author of this volume has given it. His discussion of the difference between the churches and the church is one of the sanest we have seen. Everybody should study this bit of explanation who knows the power of the simple gospel."

177 pages, bound in red cloth, gold-stamped, attractive jacket. Remarkable price, only **\$1.00**

POPULAR!

133,000 Copies of these 5 books have been printed! By all means try them.



PRAYER ASKING AND RECEIVING

The most popular of all Dr. Rice's larger books. Forty thousand copies printed in seventeen months.

OSWALD J. SMITH, D. D., Litt. D., Toronto, in his introduction, says, "Many telling illustrations and examples, all from real life." "Quotations regarding faith, fasting, praying through, the will of God, importunity, divine healing, etc., are dealt in a masterly way." "Here, then, is a book that extols a prayer hearing God. Would that it might be used as a textbook on prayer by every Bible Institute and theological seminary in the country." ". . . it would revolutionize the prayer life of thousands."

EVANGELIST HYMAN J. APPELMAN, D. D., ". . . the very greatest thing of its kind I have ever read. It humbled me, convicted me, inspired me . . . I expect to read it and reread it again and again."

MILLARD A. JENKINS, D. D., pastor First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas, says, "This is the most exhaustive book on prayer we have ever read . . . A marvelous marshaling of the Scriptures."

H. A. IRONSIDE, D. D., Litt. D., Moody Memorial Church, Chicago, says, "The book, on the whole, is one of the most interesting, refreshing and conclusive works on prayer we have ever consulted. The many personal testimonies of answered prayer add greatly to its value."

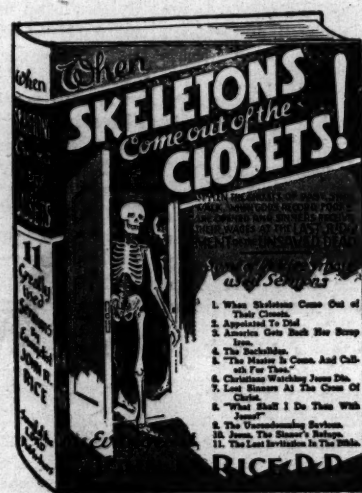
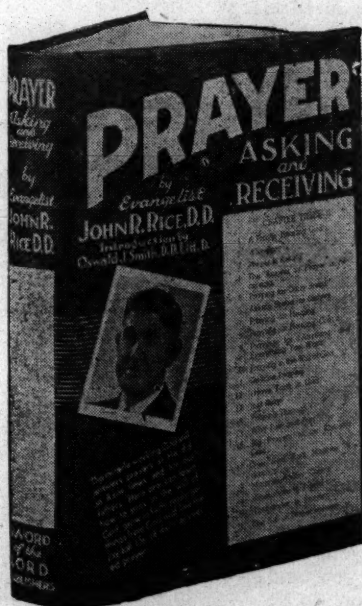
Many pastors and congregations use these twenty-one chapters for prayer meeting teaching and discussion. Thousands of readers write of transformed prayer life. 328 pages, cloth binding, gold stamp ed, nice jacket, postpaid, only **\$1.50**



Mary Lloyds Rice, one of the author's 6 daughters, when she was 14.

"If a woman have long hair it is a glory to her." (1 Cor. 11:15).

Illustrated by picture of editor's wife and six daughters, another of Mary Lloyds and her braids, another of Elizabeth with her long hair down before the mirror. No jacket, beautiful orange-colored cloth binding. 23,000 copies printed! Price only **75c**



WHEN SKELETONS COME OUT OF THE CLOSETS

Here are full-length, fervent, evangelistic messages such as Dr. Rice has given in large campaigns in many cities of America.

MOODY MONTHLY says, "There is a wealth of material in this book."

BOB JONES, D. D., founder and president, Bob Jones College, Cleveland, Tennessee, says, "I wish to tell you what a thrill your book of sermons, 'When Skeletons Come Out Of Their Closets' has given me. The messages have the old-time ring of old-time evangelists, and that is what we need in these days."

We believe you need and will delight in these fragrant, Spirit-anointed messages. God has used them to save hundreds of sinners and revive thousands of His children. 191 pages, beautiful wine-colored cloth binding, pictured jacket. Price only **\$1.00**

QUANTITY PRICES

Low prices are made possible by enormous circulation and the author's policy of no royalty and no profit. We make still lower quantity prices:

Twelve Tremendous Themes, six copies for **\$5.00** (you save \$1.00).

Prayer-Asking and Receiving, six copies, **\$8.00** (you save \$1.00).

When Skeletons Come Out of Their Closets, six copies, **\$5.00** (you save \$1.00).

"And God Remembered . . .", five copies for **\$3.00** (you save 75c).

Bobbed Hair, Bossy Wives, and Women Preachers, five copies for **\$3.00** (you save 75c).

BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS EARLY! Give life transforming books that have blessed many thousands. All these books beautifully printed expensively bound. Order in quantities and save money.

BOBBED HAIR BOSSY WIVES and WOMEN PREACHERS

Here are three great controversies, settled plainly by the Word of God. The style is gentle sympathetic. Christian. It is not sarcastic, it is not frivolous. The chapters are: 1. A Controversy and how To Settle It. 2. Christian To Submit To Authority of Divinely Appointed Leaders in Church, Home, State. 3. Wives To Submit in Church, Home, State, Themselves To, Be Subject To: Obedient To Their Husbands. 4. Women Preachers Forbidden In the Bible. 5. Bobbed Hair, The Sign of a Woman's Rebellion Against Husband, Father, and God. 6. The Horrible Sin Of Rebellion.

ROBERT L. MOYER, D. D., dean of Northwestern Bible School and Seminary; pastor, First Baptist Church, Minneapolis, says, "Just received 'Bobbed Hair, Bossy Wives and Women Preachers.' I say 'Amen'. Thanks."

J. R. MANTEY, Ph. D., department of New Testament, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, says, "I have mentioned the book and your viewpoint to my class in New Testament and agreed with you that the New Testament teaches what you say it does."

The book's rich devotional character, the sensationally beautiful jacket in purple and orchid, and the six illustrations make this clothbound book an ideal gift. The price should be \$1.25 but because we have printed 45,000 copies, we can sell it for only **75c**

Overseas Gifts

Christmas gifts for servicemen and women may be mailed freely, without a letter requesting the gift, without making any special application IF THEY ARE MAILED BY OCTOBER 15. These books make appreciated, life-changing and treasured gifts for servicemen and women. For overseas mailing, get your books now!

SWORD OF THE LORD PUBLISHERS
145 North Hale Street, Wheaton, Ill.

Gentlemen: Please ship postpaid the following:

_____ copies Prayer-Asking and Receiving \$ _____
_____ copies Twelve Tremendous Themes \$ _____
_____ copies When Skeletons Come Out of Their Closets \$ _____
_____ copies And God Remembered \$ _____
_____ copies Bobbed Hair, Bossy Wives and Women Preachers \$ _____

Total amount enclosed, \$ _____

Name _____

St. and No. _____

City and State _____